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What is claimed is:

- 1. A certificating system, comprising:
- a registering device registering common 5 certificate information in common with a plurality of services;
 - a receiving device receiving certificate information of a user when the user accesses a particular service of the plurality of services;
 - a determining device determining whether or not the certificate information of the user corresponds to the common certificate information; and
 - a permitting device permitting the user to utilize the particular service when the certificate information of the user corresponds to the common certificate information.
- The certificating system as set forth in
 claim 1, further comprising:
 - a storing device storing identification information and password information for the particular service;
- a Certifying device certifying the user based 25 on the identification information and the password

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information; and

an issuing device issuing the common certificate information to the user when said certifying device has successfully certified the user.

- 3. The certificating system as set forth in claim 1, further comprising:
- a storing device storing identification information and password information for the particular service;
- a certifying device certifying the user based on the identification information and the password information; and
- an invalidating device for invalidating the common certificate information when said certifying device has successfully certified the user.
- 4. The certificating system as set forth in 20 claim 1, further comprising:
 - an available service managing device registering the plurality of services as available services with the common certificate information.
- 25 5. A terminal unit, comprising:

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a transmitting device transmitting common certificate information in common with a plurality of services when a user accesses a particular service of the plurality of services; and

a service utilizing device providing the particular service to the user when the user has been successfully certified based on the common certificate information.

6. A computer-readable recording medium on which a program for a computer is recorded, said program causing the computer to perform:

receiving certificate information of a user when the user accesses a particular service of a plurality of services;

determining whether or not the certificate information of the user corresponds to common certificate information in common with the plurality of services; and

permitting the user to utilize the particular service when the certificate information of the user corresponds to the common certificate information.

25 7. A certifying method, comprising:

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pre-registering common certificate information
in common with a plurality of services;

determining whether or not certificate information of the user corresponds to the common certificate information when the user accesses a particular service of the plurality of services; and

permitting the user to utilize the particular service when the certificate information of the user corresponds to the common certificate information.

8. A certificating system, comprising:

registering means for registering common certificate information in common with a plurality of services;

receiving means for receiving certificate information of a user when the user accesses a particular service of the plurality of services;

determining means for determining whether or not the certificate information of the user corresponds to the common certificate information; and

permitting means for permitting the user to 25 utilize the particular service when the certificate

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information of the user corresponds to the common certificate information.

9. A propagation signal for propagating a program to a computer, the program causing the computer to perform:

receiving certificate information of a user when the user accesses a particular service of a plurality of services;

determining whether or not the certificate information of the user corresponds to common certificate information in common with the plurality of services; and

permitting the user to utilize the particular service when the certificate information of the user corresponds to the common certificate information.